

**DPW Commission Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, March 6, 2013**  
**7:00 p.m. – Police Station Community Room**

**7:00 PM      Approval Items:**

Board of Commissioners Minutes Approval: Amendment: Commissioner Sena was not in attendance for the approval of February's minutes, it was Commissioner Reed that moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Sena moved to approve the minutes from the 2/13/13 meeting as amended, seconded by Commissioner Reed, Vote: 3-0.

**7:05 PM      Open Session:**

Open for Public Discussion with the Commissioners:

Frederick Tarr, 154 Main Street, requested the Commissioners reconsider opening the metals pile. Chairman Gardner stated that there are some Board of Health and DEP requirements that are being looked into.

**7:15 PM      New Business:**

Blizzard of 2013 Storm Damage Review: Director Parisi stated that some potholes have been repaired but some larger items will be taken care of later on in the year. FEMA is coming to Rockport next Wednesday to review the damage. They will write up project worksheets, with unit measures and pricing, then they will develop final costs. Commissioner Sena said some major concerns are White Wharf and Bearskin Neck. J. Parisi said the Bearskin Neck seawall is being rebuilt. With a storm predicted over for the next several days, the issue of multiple storms causing damage was discussed. It will be difficult to determine which event caused exactly what damage. Chairman Gardner inquired about a private home on Front Beach where the seawall is coming apart; he questioned who is responsible for that seawall. J. Parisi stated that it is the owner's responsibility.

**7:45 PM      Ongoing Business:**

Long Beach Seawall Project Discussions: Chairman Gardner stated that he learned last night at the Board of Selectmen's meeting that the Finance Committee is not supporting the sedimentation study. Bill Wagner said he believed that the Finance Committee felt it should be deferred. Commissioner Reed said this study needs to be done, the information is necessary in order to make the right decisions.

Water Needs Assessment Draft RFP: John Bassett, 3 Rowe Avenue was in attendance. He said that we've been arguing about the dam; they have seen draft of RFP. All of the facts and statistics are the same that the town and consultants have produced, however the conclusions are

different. We're entirely dependent on surface water and storage. The situation has changed since the dam proposal got going and the environmental impact report was initiated. He stated that he will be submitting a packet of written documentation tonight from him and Christina Wolfe for the board's review. He stated that the priority for Flat Ledge dam has changed.

Chairman Gardner said we need to know what the other options are. The permits are there and if action is going to take place it has to take place within specific timelines.

Reviewing draft of RFP: Commissioner Reed said when the survey is done we need to be sure it fits; Rockport hasn't grown to the extent that it was projected. J. Parisi questioned what projections should be considered. He stated that Rockport couldn't get through a 2-year drought; and questioned if there is a regional solution to deal with a drought. We need to be able to store more in our system.

Commissioner Reed questioned if there are other alternatives to Flat Ledge Quarry. He questioned if the water supply is adequate for 10 years, 20 years, or more. He also questioned if the town needs to solve this for the next 200 years. He stated that we need to take care of the short and mid-term future in the best possible way.

Chairman Gardner stated he had several thoughts. Update the data in the last SEA report and look at any information that other engineers or consultants, regarding water supply, may have so we have, in one place, all the information that has been collected on the water supply

For each of the alternative water sources, in an emergency, it would good if the consultant could put the order in which we would tap those and the costs associated with each. Then assuming we have an emergency, outline what the town would do, what are the initial steps we would take and the costs associated with each step; an emergency plan should be outlined in the report.

Population projections should be developed, and include a build-out study. It was questioned if the Planning Board is considering a build-out study and what the population projections would be.

Chairman Gardner said seasonal water availability and seasonal demand should be part of the study as well.

Commissioner Reed said with climate warming, we will be getting more rain. We would probably be going through drought conditions during the winter months.

For each of the current water sources we need to establish the volume output and what the trend in output is over time and look at the permitting volumes for of those sources. We need to understand to what extent we can adjust our permitted amounts for each of those sources.

Commissioner Sena stated that technology has changed significantly. There may be something 20 years down the road that negates all of this. Could this show a quick fix if needed? J. Parisi said yes, if this assessment shows that we're good for ten years or twenty years, we just would need a plan in place on how we would deal with a drought.

Commissioner Gardner stated if information can be obtained from each source and take a look at each alternate source with a clear sense of a realistic volume and the trend overtime. We need to look at timeframe, volume, and cost; update all the information.

**FY13 DPW Objectives:**

1. Asset Management Software Package, is project management a component? J. Parisi stated no, but if you could access to the server on a tablet you could access the information. Commissioner Reed recommended asking IT. Chairman Gardner questioned what the plans are for project management.
2. Water Needs Assessment/sewer capacity, necessary to finalize draft.
3. Mill Pond Dam
4. Bedrock Well - will be pushed out. Problem with generator, initial design was for propane generated, and due to omissions propane will not meet the requirements. Diesel will change this somewhat, perhaps running permanent power out there and having a back-up generator that would be propane and finalizing access easements with condo association and another individual.
5. FEMA funded Pigeon Cove in compliance with FEMA, more damage with recent storm, if it is determined that there will be another declaration they can supplement the cost with additional funds.
6. ACO: next phase is investigation of manhole flows. Trying to trace areas where the flows are coming from and come up with repair plan that goes to the DEP in July. The town hasn't been in violation for over 2 years.
7. Cemetery computerization: successful completion, all records are in the database.
8. Long Beach Seawall, design and engineering, Chairman Gardner commented on an exposed sewer line, and questioned if this is something that should be addressed now. J. Parisi said the Conservation Commission should be contacted.
9. New water main for Eden road and road construction: project will be finished in the spring.
10. Town Owned buildings, comprehensive assessment of operating and maintenance needs
11. Draft of Sewer Use Regulations: 1) capacity, then 2) expanded sewer regulations

**Tickler List Discussion**

**Next Meeting: Wed., 3/27/13, Community Room at the Police Station**

9:00 PM: Commissioner Gardner moved to adjourn, Commissioner Sena seconded, Vote: 3-0.

April, 2013	Sewer hookup priorities
April, 2013	Sewer use regulations
April, 2013	List of roads to be repaired
May, 2013	Water & Sewer rates
August, 2013	FY '15 Operational Budget review
September, 2013	FY '15 Capital budget review